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REMARKS

In the office action, the examiner rejected Claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dobrovolny (U.S. Patent No. 4,823,400). The examiner rejected Claims 2-4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Li et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,774,801), Nightingale (U.S. Patent No. 4,607,394), and Erickson (U.S. Patent No. 5,862,466).

The examiner stated that Claims 6-10 are allowed. Accordingly, the applicant has canceled the rejected Claims 1-5, so that Claims 6-10 are pending.

In this opportunity, the applicant has amended the specification to correct the minor errors therein and to more clearly disclose the present invention. This is to verify that no new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully requests that the present application be allowed and passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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